on the basis of available evidence for necesary action under the Customs Act, 1962. Show cause notices have also been isued to the owners of the vessel their agents at Bombay on their local agents at Cochin.

Investigations conducted also revealed that M|s Akai Impex Pvt. Ltd. have engaged in clandestine exports of goods viz. spices and export goods valued at Rs. 1.5 lakhs to South Africa. Investigations are still in progress.

(c) Goods valued at Rs. 58 lakhs have been seize by the customs authorities.

(d) Twelve persons have been arrested in this conection.

(e) Exports bound for destinations close to South Africa are kept under careful watch and closer scrutiny. Customs authorities have also taken steps to intensify their vigil in the matter.

**Aid from UK for Indian Projects**

2268. SHRI B. SATYANARAYAN REDDY: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government attention has been drawn to news-items to the effect that UK is giving an aid of Rs. 50 lakhs a day for various projects ;and

(b) if so, what are details of the projects being financed in the country with this 50 lakhs a day from UK?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI JANARDHAN POOJARY): (a) and (b) Yes Sir.

For the current year 1985-86, UK assistance to India, in terms of disbursements will be of the order of £115 million equivalent to about Rs. 195 crores or about Rs. 53 lakhs per day.

UK assistance available on grant terms is to be used for mutually agree projects and includes a portion for meeting local cost. Current years assistance is expected to be used *inter alia* for imports for power projects including captive power plants, coal mining project railways and oil companies as well as for local costs of poverty alleviation project such as forestry programmes and health and family welfare programmes.

**Emphasis on Village and Small Scale Industries**

2269. SHRI GAYA CHAND BHUYAN: Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are emphasising more on village and small scale industries during Seventh Five Year Plan; if so, what steps have been taken by Government to indentify and develop the raditional crafts which exist among the rural folk in the country; and

(b) the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF TEXTILES (SHRI KHURSHID ALAM KHAN): (a) and (b) Yes Sir. During the Seventh Plan traditional crafts practised by the rural folk in the country would be encouraged through training programmes, supply of inputs and better marketing facilities.

**Hotels Run by India Tourism Development Corporation**

2270. SHRI V. GOPALSAMY:
SHRI L. GANESAN:

Will the Minister of PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS AND TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) what are the names of Metropolitan "A" class cities where India Tourism Development Corporation has its hotels and what are the names of these hotels alongwith their classfication and also the date of their commencement;

(b) what is the total investment as on date in each of these hotels and what is the number of rooms alongwith other facilities available in each of these hotels;

(c) what are the names of the Matropolitan "A" class cities where India Tourism Development Corporation has no hotels and what are the reasons therefor;

(d) what are the names of other major cities where India Tourism Development Corporation has its hotels and what are the names of major cities where India Tourism Development Corporation proposes to construct its own hotels in the near future; and

(e) what criteria or guidelines are to be adopted in the selection of cities?

THE MINISTER OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS AND TOURISM (SHRI H. K. L. BHAGAT): (a) and (b) Information is given in the enclosed Statement (*See below*).

(c) to (e) ITDC does not have any hotels in Bombay and Madras. The other cities in the country where ITDC operate hotels are Hassan, Jammu, Aurangabad, Khajuraho, Kovalam, Udaipur, Mahabalipuram, Varanasi, Mysore, Jaipur, Patna, Bhubaneswar, and Madurai.

Presently, ITDC is constructing its hotels at Agra and Gulmarg. ITDC has also a proposal to convert the existing Bodh Gaya Travellers Lodge into a Hotel.

Besides, ITDC is setting up hotels at Guwahati, Puri, Ranchi, Bhopal, Itanagar, and Pondicherry, under its Joint Venture Scheme in collaboration with States Union Territories.

The main critera for setting up of hotels in the cities are market demand, financial viability, etc.